Any irregularity in delivery of

IN SIGHT TO MEET ALL DISTRICT NEEDS

Favorable Report by House Committee.

THE MEASURE IN DETAIL

Reasons Set Forth by Commissioners Why Such Action Should Be Taken at Once.

Relief from the onerous financial burdens which are leaning heavily on the District owing to the costly improve ments made in the course of the past few years is provided in a bill which the House Committee on the District today unanimously ordere reported with favorably recommendation for its

The bill provides for a loan of \$10,-000,000, or as much of that amount as the District Commissioners may deem advisable, by the United States Treasury, to be used in meeting the obligations of the District. This sum is to be refunded out of the District's revenues the rate of 2 per cent.

The Bill in Detail.

The bill is as follows: "Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress of

the United States assembled: "That until and including June 30, 1923, the Secretary of the Treasury is Died at Emergency Hospital. authorized and directed to advance from time to time, on requisition of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in the manner now prescribed by law, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be required to meet the obligations of the District of Columbia on account of its share of the extraordinary expenses for municipal improvements authorized or to

be hereafter authorized by Congress: 'Provided, That the total advanc hereafter made under this act, taken in connection with those heretofore made under the acts of February 11, 1901, and July 1, 1902, shall not exceed the sum of \$10,000,000, which said total sum so advanced shall be repaid to the Treasury of the United States within twenty years from July 1, 1903, out of the taxes and revenues collected for the support of the government of the District of the rate of 2 per cent per annum.'

"The bill repeals all acts in conflict with the provisions of the bill." Must Wait General Days.

It will be several days before Repre-

bill to the House Committee, the Com- edge of the basin.

"The Commissioners have the honor to submit the inclosed draft of a bill, taken thereon during the present session of Congress.

last two years, has now become impera- was over. cal years must be replaced by some for safety, nor, indeed, was there time leigslation, and should be replaced by for flight had such warning been given. a provision for a permanent arrange- The ice for a diameter of fifty feet

revenues, which first appeared on the 1st to four feet in length. All who were of July, 1901, was due to the extraordi- standing on the ice were now struggling nary demands made uon them, and not in the water. Not all the names of to be an increase in surrent expenses. those who went down could be learned, Besides the appropriation of District as some were taken at once to their revenues, exclusively for street exten- homes while the work of rescue was sion purchases, and for one-half of the going on, but eye witnesses say they coast of national objects within the Dis- numbered fully a score. trict of Columbia, Congress authorized extraordinary projects of municipal improvements, notably the sewage disposal system, and the filtration plant, which

(Continued on Second Page.)

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The temperature has risen in the midand thence westward to the Dakotas. Fair weather with moderate temperature is indicated for the Eastern and Southern districts. The winds along the mid-dle Atlantic coast will be brisk south westerly. Steamers departing today for arrived, and she was taken from the far into the interior. westerly winds and izir weather to the

TEMPERATURE.

she reached the hospital An example of the TIDE TABLE.

THREE MET DEATH IN BASIN'S ICY WATERS

Disregarding Warnings of NAVAL BOARD TESTS Policemen, Crowd Collects at Foot of Approach to Skating Resort, With Disastrous Results.

Sudden Giving Way of the Ice Precipitates Twenty Persons Into the Water. Rescuers Active and Many Heroic Deeds Reported.

Little Susan Torrey Begs Boatman to "Save Papa" and Disregard Her Peril. Basin Dragged for Bodies. List of the Dead.

By the caving in of the ice at the at the rate of \$500,000 per year within entrance to the tidal basin last night, ditional tests will be made on the Praitwenty years, together with interest at at 5:45 o'clock, at least three people rie when it returns from the present assistant sergeant-at-arms of the Senwere drowned, and a score more precipitated into the icy water.

The dead are: Jessie E. Thomas, twenty years old, brarian of the Bureau of Ethnology.

Arthur Wasserbach, twenty-six years old, 1900 R Street northwest; engraver in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Henry C. Hamill, forty years old, 1528 Street northwest; clerk in the War

Scene of Tragedy.

Washington Monument have been the tinental code. scene of nightly gatherings of large used, too, and breakwater at this point has made apand two wide planks, extending for some listance out over the surface of the ice.

People coming to the hasin would Dr. a

Monday night, while leaving the basin. young man and woman were precipitated into the water by the giving way sentative Babcock, chairman of the com- of the ice. They were rescued without mittee, will be able to report the bill serious inconvenience by catching hold to the House, it being his intention to of the end of a plank that was pushed Dr. De Forest said to a representative er or the interruption of traffic on the active effort will then be made by the to a safer spot. Yesterday afternoon will be installed on the west coast of Lieut Robert B. Boyle, of the Third if the bill passes the House there will the ladder and planks removed to still built at points in Guam, Porto Rico, and son, the local coal dealer, who has decialism in its most pronounced form to another place, where it was thought the Cuba. The people of the present day clined to furnish certain information The bill was drawn by the District ice was thicker. All the policemen on demand a cheaper and better system of respecting his business, continued to ocment. In their letter transmitting the the skaters to be careful when near the and it can only be secured by wireless been following the coal situation this make Mr. Larbing the letter transmitting the letter transmitting the coal situation this make Mr. Larbing the letter transmitting transmitting transmittened to the letter transmitting transmittened transmitt

Disregarded Warnings.

such as they have been pressing for the dispersing the crowd before the tragedy perfected within a short time."

simply sank into the water, breaking "The apparent deficit in the District as it did so into chunks about three

Lost Hold of Companion.

Jessie Thomas, the young woman who was drowned, was standing just off the outer end of the plank, with her escort H. M. Adams, of 711 K Street, a clerk in the War Department. When they fell in the water Adams lost his hold on the woman and grabbed a plank. He said afterward that he had been hit on the head and stunned. On coming to the surface she was grabbed by W. W. Rosson, a fifteen-year-old messenger

Both ambulances from the Emergency Hospital arrived in a few minutes, and she was taken to that institution, where every effort was made to restore her, bu .36 without avail. Artificial respiration was 39 kept up for two hours. Dr. Morhart said that her lungs had been completely filled with water, probably the me

A WIRELESS SYSTEM

Through Paces.

FIFTY MESSAGES ARE SENT

Inventor Says Communication With Honolulu and Philippines Will Be Established.

loes not mean the adoption of the De since November 1. Forest system for permanent use in the

non-resistance, which will enable a hun- their products. 1119 Dartmouth Street northwest; li- dred or more stations to continue in the same territory without interrupting each other. The officer declines to disin the near future.

between the Navy Yard and the sta-Since the beginning of the extreme tion at Annapolis. Some were in cipher, old weather the basins west of the but the majority were sent by the Con-The Morse code was used, too, and the rapidity of transcrowds of skaters. The building of the mission is estimated at thirty-five words a minute-the same speed attained by proach to the ice somewhat difficult. To the wire system used by the Postal and obviate this feature a rude approach had Western Union telegraph companies. been constructed, consisting of a ladder The greatest distance test made by the stretching from the outer and higher to De Forest system is 125 miles, but disthe inner and lower section of the wall, tance depends only upon the amount of power used in generating the elec

People coming to the hasin would Dr. de Forest is a graduate of Yale, resentative Dayton of West Virginia, such resolutions being introduced when climb over the ladder, down some rude class of 1896. Since that time he has authorizes all railroads engaged in interest is no probability of action, and Indianola Believes He Exannum of the principal, together with interest upon the deferred payments at ways more or less of a crowd around the built at Coney Island and four other er freight for a period of thirty days, privately that the resolution should over that used by Marconi, among them merce being the non-resistance scheme as discovered by Commander Hogg.

telegraphy. In spite of these warnings, however, very satisfactory to me and to the row, when there will be a full meeting In spite of these warnings, nowever, a crowd collected about the foot of the naval board as well. In tests recently of the District Committee. Senator of the proposition, Mr. Jenkins is this and recommend that favorable action be approach a little before 6 o'clock last made we communicated with vessels Stewart will then bring the matter to night. It just happened that a crowd equipped with the Marconi system 125 its attention and the future course of of skaters wanted to leave the ice at miles out at sea. The only thing to be action will be determined upon. the same time. They all arrived at the completed in telegraphy by the wireless "They believe that the necessity of dangerous point at the same moment, a settlement of the District finances, on and, even had anyone realized just how

vances during the last and present fistions in a short time.

OPERATORS SUMMONED BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR FURTHER LIGHT

Men to Testify.

Dr. De Forest's Method Put ACTION IN JOHNSON CASE "A DEMOCRATIC MEASURE"

at Tomorrow's Session-Congress Jurisdiction.

The session of Senator Stewart's subest system of wireless telegraphy, the that company, and from Terminal Agent dying the coal famine. ystem of Dr. Lee de Forest of Chicago Legge, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railwas given a thorough trial yesterday road, as to the total receipts of coal in gard to the resolution, said he was not afternoon at the navy yard. The test this city over his line from all sources inclined now to discuss the measure.

Tomorrow afternoon promises to be pavy, but assures a thorough trial of more productive of results in the inves-Lieut. Commander W. E. Hogg, of the more to serve subpoenas upon the in- ness that comes before the two com navy, is interested in the de Forest dependent operators and middlemen who mittees. It seems therefore that my re

The Operators Summoned.

Among those summoned and who are cuss the discovery at present, but he expected to appear before the commitassured a representative of The Times tee tomorrow are Charles D. Norton, of this morning the plan has been thorough- Charles D. Norton & Co., Philadelphia; ly tested and will be given to the public W. Beaumont Whitney, of the firm of Whitney & Kemmerer, of Philadelphia; At the tests made westerday more W. D. Mason, representing the estate of than fifty messages were transmitted A. S. Van Winkle, of Philadelphia; fames Lynch, of Lynch & Reed, Baltinore; and Robert C. Hall of Hall Bros., Baltimore. Other dealers will be summoned at a later date.

It is probable that the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, which has been authorized to investigate the subject of the transportaof coal, will send a subcommittee out of the city to take testimony on the subject. A resolution to this effect was adopted yesterday

"Worst Is Over."

points in the vicinity. The inventor The resolution was referred to the comclaims for his plan many improvements mittee on Interstate and Foreign Com-

Among the best-informed dealers of the city the impression prevails that, Speaking of the success of this plan, barring an extended spell of cold weath-

The Johnson Case.

morning. No action will be taken by the "The tests made yesterday have proven committee in the premises until tomor-

It is intimated that for the purposes a permanent and business-like basis, thin the ice was, there was no time for coal supply of the Government depart-Dr. De Forest will remain here for a ments, over which Congress would have few days longer, experimenting with the unquestioned jurisdiction. The authoriwitness in the esteem of the community.

FAMINE-STRICKEN SWEDEN LIVING ON BARK AND MOSS with his established talk on the question.

Seventy Thousand People in the Northern Portion Suffering for Want of Food.

northern Sweden is very severe.

was sent to investigate the matter has made a report, in which he says that made a report, in which he says that 70,000 people are suffering for want of the sufferers. Of this sum 40,000 kroner with frozen hands and feet. the sixty-first to the sixty-seventh de- the United States. west. He held her up until assistance gree of north latitude and from the

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 15.-The famine in | stewed iceland moss, and other unwholesome substitutes for food. This has The government commissioner who caused many cases of typhoid fever. The area affected extends from were subscribed by Swedish citizens of

bark ground to powder, mixed with vide seed grain in the spring.

COMPANY INCORPORATED.

the Browning & Baines Coffee Com- Premier Balfour, who is suffering from many was placed upon file yesterday in an attack of chills and fever, is this office of the Recorder of Deeds for morning most satisfactory. District. The capital stock of the anization is \$200,000, and the principlace of business will be at 316 usylvania Avenue. The incorporators Blundon, is critically ill at the house

BALFOUR'S CONDITION IMPROVED. A certificate of the incorporation of LONDON, Jan. 15 .- The condition of

CRITICALLY ILL.

raet Heights, Md.

JENKINS RESOLUTION WITH COMMITTEE DEATH

LEGISLATORS THREATEN

Philadelphia and Baltimore Republicans Regard It as Too Socialistic.

Coal Dealer's Letter Will Be Discussed Senators Intimate That It Would Sound Better, Even, From Mr. Mason.

Republican Senators do not indorse the ommittee investigating the coal situa- resolution introduced in the House yestion this afternoon was largely for the terday by Representative Jenkins, purpose of receiving the statement of J. Chairman of the Committee on the Ju-Lounsbury, local sales agent of the diciary, providing in effect for a report Under the direction of a board of Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron on the expediency of Government seizure naval officers, appointed by the Secre- Company, concerning the receipts and and operation of coal mines and transary of the Navy to exxamine into the distribution of coal in this city from portation lines for the purpose of reme-

Senator Hoar, when asked today in re-

"I am chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate." he said, "Harthe plan on vessels at sea. These ad- tigation of the coal situation than any mony and mutual respect between the preceding session of the committee. An chairmen of the two judiciary commitmaneuvers in the South Atlantic ocean. ate has gone to Philadelphia and Balti- fctiv transaction of th-important busisystem and has discavered a method of have been placing such high prices on spect for the eminent chairman of the House committee requires me not to by him until they come to the Senate given the manufactures of the North. and to my committee in the regular way. When I have an opportunity to hear his reasons for offering such a resolution and for a personal conference with him the benefits of the general 20 per cent I shall feel free to express my views."

anti-trust bill it was severely criticised of Texas, and Bacon of Georgia, voted by Representative Jenkins in a public interview. The attitude of Senator Hoar in declining to retaliate in like manner is taken as tantamount to a rebuke of Senator Rawlins of Utah did not vote, Committee.

Eight Republican Senators were seen the Senate this afternoon this morning and all asked to be exfrom talking for publication, though in nearly every instance they expressed the opinion that nothing more would be heard of the resolution They professed a reluctance to con demn Representative Jenkins, but made Another resolution, introduced by Rep. it plain that they do not approve of

have proceeded from the minority party or Senator Mason Regarded as Socialistic.

The resolution embodies the essential eatures of the much discussed coal plank of the New York State platform, to which many Democrats attribute the to the House, it being his intention to collect all data possible tending to show the desirability of the legislation. An out to them. On account of this accident the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system the next eighteen months, my system to the house, it being his intention to out to them. On account of this accident to which many Democrats attribute the railroads, the worst of the coal famine the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. On account of this accident to the place of entrance was removed the next eighteen months, my system to out to them. party in Congress are willing to come the passage of the measure at the present session. It is not believed that

Judiciary Committee in the next Con-

Notwithstanding the radical character of the proposition, Mr. Jenkins is this BUT ONE OF A COVEY morning in receipt of a large bundle of telegrams indorsing the stand he has

Senator Mason's Bill.

By the reference to Senator Mason, atention is called to the bill he introduced Attorney General begin actions for re ceivers for such mines as remain inactive to the detriment of trade. It is ex to Chicago to continue his laboratory solute, and under section 103 of the Re- pected that Senator Mason will speak work. Lieutenant Commander Hogg will vised Statutes refusal to testify could on this measure before adjournment; not continue his experiments here, and will not even be based upon the contention in relation to the bill itself, but in conmake public announcement of his inven- that to do so would tend to degrade the nection with some other legislation of a Mont., and Sheridan, Wyo., on charges Toynby, Miss Ufland, Miss Blanche Ulkindred character.

State. Senator Penrose is in Philadelphia and Senator Ouav in accordance.

A servant girl and Sheriff Hubbard's The St. Louis is not equipped with the phia and Senator Quay, in accordance wife prevented the escape of about a Marconi wireless telegraph apparatus. with his established rule, declines to dozen other prisoners. Going to the rear The Philadelphia is the line's only ves-

FROZEN HAND AND FOOT ENGINEER RUNS ON TIME

Lose All Extremities.

PERU, Ind., Jan. 15 .- Edward Irish, a

His train was several hours late. At The commissioners estimate that 25,- der the locomotive to make temporary DISTINCT IMPROVEMENT Gulf of Bothia on the Russian border 000,000 kroner will be required to save the repairs. When he had finished his hands population from starvation, to keep the and feet were frozen, but he completed The people are eating Norwegian pine cattle during the winter, and to pro- his run to Danville, Ill., making up thirty minutes of the lost time. He is now in the hospital here, and

amputation of all the frozen members may be necessary.

MR. PERRY'S FUNERAL. The funeral of Robert Decatur Berry

took place from the People's Mission, 110 Pennsylvania Avenue northwest, vesterday afternoon. The Rev. J. J. Muir, Mrs. S. E. Bluedon, widow of John A. pastor of Temple Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. George W. Havell, of the Henry Clay Browning and James E. of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Benham, mission, officiated. Interment was made

ALARM GROWS OVER DELAY OF ST. LOUIS

COMPUTEL FAVORS RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA

Senators Decide to Make a Report.

CHANGED

Democratic Members Fail to Amend Compact to Include American Tobacco.

day ordered favorably reported to the other night and morning without word Relations, after being further amended by making the reduction on American cattle going into Cuba 40 per cent in- anxiously awaited since Sunday. The ar-

the treaty on behalf of the United worry States, who was before the committee prior to the acceptance of the amendment and expressed the opinion that the has been received since that fime. Cuban government would agree to the modification in the tariff on cattle. The change was made at the request of the cattle raisers of the Southern States, who thought the reduction on their express opinions of measures introduced products should be at least equal to that All attempts of the Democratic members of the committee to so amend the treaty as to include American tobacco in reduction imported into Cuba failed, and When Senator Hoar introduced his two Democratic Senators, Messrs. Bailey

against a favorable report on the treaty. Senator Morgan of Alabama voted with the Republicans, in favor of the treaty; the chairman of the House Judiciary and Senator Money of Mississippi was absent. The treaty will be reported to

ceeded His Authority.

A. C. Cox, of Sunflower county, has given and skill.

out the following letter:

"The statement has been published Roosevelt in the stand he has taken in January 4: closing the postoffice at Indianola. The Mrs. Robert Abbe and maid, W. P. reverse is true. The President, it is Abnelt, Mrs. W. P. Ahnelt, Victor S. considered here, has arbitrarily taken Allien, Albert G. Bayer, Fritz Bergen-"No notice of lawlessness has been H. F. Browne, Miss Alice B. Chandler, brought to my attention. If there had Neville D. Cohen, T. J. Colton, H. S. been any I would have been the proper Cramp, Rev. Arthur Crane, William J. only result of the introduction will be official to communicate with. And, in Cunningham, Walton E. Dawlen, Mrs.

oners From Taking Wings.

of the jail, the girl saw a man's head sel so provided. sticking out through a hole in the brick wall. She screamed, and the man drew in his head.

Under-Sheriff Sayles hurried to the jail. Makes Up Thirty Minutes Lost-May Upon his arrival he found M. s. Hub. Kahn mentioned might be Isadore Kahn. a six-shooter, determinedly holding a

dozen or more prisoners. A hurried count of prisoners proved

Physicians Announce That He Has steamer. Passed a Good Night.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- Abram S. Hewitt's condition, according to the bulle-tin issued at 9 o'clock this morning, has distinctly improved. Shortly before 9 o'clock, Dr. E. L. Keyes, sr., called at the house and went

into consultation with his son, E. L. Keyes, jr. A few minutes later the following bulletin was issued:
"Mr. Hewitt passed a good night, and has distinctly improved."

Officials Endeavor to Allay Anxiety by Reciting the Bad Weather Qualities of the Liner.

Vessels Leaving European Ports at Later Time Arriving Here -- Passenger List Brought In.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 .- The anxiety of the owners of the vessel, and especially of the friends and relatives of passengers on the American liner St. Louis was The Cuban reciprocity treaty was to- increased today by the passing of anfrom the overdue liner.

The arrival of the St. Louis has been stead of 20 per cent, as the treaty pro- rival of vessels that traveled over the same path without sighting the scam-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, who negotiated ship was not calculated to allay the

It has been ten days since the St. Louis left Cherbourg, and no news of her

The owners of the vessel told the anxious watchers yesterday that it was hardly possible that the St. Louis had been lost. They pointed out that the St. Louis was all that was modern, with her twin propellers, which rendered her less likely to mishap than the single screw boats. They said that undoubtedly only the weather had interfered with her progress. For some time the boilers of the St. Louis have been leaky. The arrival, however, of two boats

and traversed the same route across the Atlantic has instilled the belief in the interested ones that something more than ugly weather has retarded the American liner. The owners say that it is probable that one of her engines has been disabled. She has one other to depend on and they hardly believe it possible for both

that left Cherbourg after the St. Louis

to have been disabled at the same time. The last vessels ir report the Atlantic in bad temper. Westerly gales have been blowing continuously. At first the non-arrival of the St. Louis was ascribed to this cause The stenmship Vaderland brought in the St. Louis' passenger flat yesterday, There are 215 passengers aboard, seven-

ty-five o. whom are in the saloon. Seventy are intermediate passengers, and 130 are in the steerage. The St. Louis is commanded by Capt. F. M. Passow, an INDIANOLA, Miss., Jan. 15 .- Sheriff officer well known for resourcefulness

The following is a list of the saloon passengers booked to sail on the steamer that the majority agree with President St. Louis, which sailed from Cherbourg

vices have always been at the command A. Goldberg, John Adrian Hesse, Mr. of the citizens of this county and State." Hillman, Mrs. Hilton and infant, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Kahn, Arthur F. Kirby, George Kolb, Fred Kolb, Herbert Langford, Mrs. Herbert Langford, Miss Dorothy Langford, H. Lansdell, Fre M. Leonard, A. P. Lloyd, Mile. Louise Mabilet, J. McGee, J. Fanning, E. G. Meers, Frank A. Messenger, Mrs. Frank Messenger. Jose De Alemarry y Mila, Mr. Montgomery, Ralph Nichols, Mrs. before the holidays, providing that the Women Prevent Other Pris- Nichols, Candea Obidos, Elie Oppenheim, Mrs. J. M. Orkin, Major C. Cuniffe Owen, R. F. A.; Mrs. C. Cuniffe Owen, Robert A. Palmer, George N. Fifer, Miss Heleu Ranlet, Charles Harold Romadge, H. HELENA, Mont., Jan. 15 .- Walter Cox, Singuer, Emil Steinharter, Mrs. Emil wanted at Red Lodge and Billings, Steinhartor, Miss Emma Steinhartor, Mr. of forgery, dug his way out of the jail man, Miss Lucille J. Ulman, M. Vine-No expression is obtainable from the at Billings yesterday afternoon, and is berg, Mrs. M. Vineberg, S. C. Wechmar,

> None of those whose rames are given in the passenger list, so far as can be The girl informed Mrs. Hubbard, who learned by careful inquiry, are residents at once telephoned the sheriff's office. of Washington. It was thought by a number of people this morning that the bard and the girl guarding the hote with but at the office of that firm it was stated that Mr. Kahn was at home, and that no member of the family was

abroad. The Washington agent of the International Navigation Company stated this morning that he had no list of the bookings made abroad for the St. Louis other than that wired from New York, Long experience has made him familiar with the names of Washington people, and to his knowledge, he said, there are no Washington folk on the overdue

CARDINAL PAROCCHI DEAD.

ROME, Jan. 15 .- Cardinal Lucide Maria Parocchi, bishop of Porta and Santa Ruffina, subdean of the Sacred College and vice chancelor of the Holy Roman church, died today. He was seventy years of age, and became a cardinal bishop twenty-six years ago.

Anthracite Coal

Delivered today, any quantities desired; solutely no delay. Phone Main 1881. V. B win Johnson, 1101 Rhode Island ave.—Adv.